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1. WITH 519 OF THE 542 CONTESTS DECIDED AS OF 1200 HOURS LOCAL
TIME MARCH 22, MORE MEMBERS OF MRS. GANDHI'S CABINET HAVE
BEEN DEFEATED SINCE OUR LAST REPORT (REFTEL). AMONG FULL-RANK
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MINISTERS, GURDIAL SINGH DHILLON (SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT) WAS
DEFEATED IN PUNJAB, AND K. D. MALAVIYA (PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS)
LOST IN U. P. THE MOST PROMINENT MINISTER OF STATE TO BE
DEFEATED IS V. C. SHUKLA (INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING).
OTHERS INCLUDE: PRANAB MUKHERJEE (REVENUE AND BANKING), B. P.
MAURYA (INDUSTRY), CHANDRAJIT YADAV (STEEL AND MINES), SHAH
NAWAZ KHAN (AGRICULTURE), J. B. PATNAIK (DEFENSE PRODUCTION),

AND A. P. SHARMA (INDUSTRY). AS WE POINTED OUT IN NEW DELHI 2834, 38 CONGRESS MEMBERS OF THE DISSOLVED LOK SABHA WHO WERE IN THE CENTRAL CABINET HAD RECEIVED "TICKETS". IN ADDITION, NINE RAJYA SABHA MEMBERS WHO WERE IN THE CABINET CONTESTED LOK SABHA SEATS, AND ONE MINISTER (HITENDRA DESAI) WAS NOT A MEMBER OF EITHER HOUSE. OF THIS TOTAL OF 48 CABINET MEMBERS, 33 HAVE BEEN DEFEATED SO FAR, INCLUDING DEPUTY MINISTERS WHOSE NAMES WE HAVE NOT REPORTED DUE TO THEIR UNION STATUS.

2. OTHER PROMINENT CONGRESS FIGURES WHO HAVE BEEN DEFEATED INCLUDE THE FORMER GOVERNORS OF BIHAR (R. D. BHANDARE) AND RAJASTHAN (JOGINDER SINGH), WHO HAD RELINQUISHED THEIR POSTS TO CONTEST SUPPOSEDLY "SAFE" SEATS. IN ADDITION, FORMER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE MINISTER SWARAN SINGH WAS DEFEATED IN PUNJAB, AND MRS. MAYA RAY (WIFE OF WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER S. S. RAY) ALSO LOST HER BID FOR REELECTION. OTHER PROMINENT LOSERS INCLUDED INDRAJIT GUPTA (CPI FLOOR LEADER IN THE OLD LOK SABHA) AND ERA SEZHIYAN (DMK FLOOR LEADER IN THE LOK SABHA).

3. THE ONLY GOI MINISTER TO WIN SINCE OUR LAST REPORT IS HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING MINISTER KARAN SINGH (JAMMU AND KASHMIR).

4. AMONG PROMINENT JANATA/CFD FIGURES, RECENT WINNERS INCLUDE: JYOTIRMOY BOSU (CPM LEADER FROM WEST BENGAL WHO WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL IN JANUARY), WEST BENGAL CONGRESS (O) LEADER P. C. SEN, KARPOORI THAKUR (FORMER BIHAR CHIEF MINISTER WHO HAD GONE UNDERGROUND DURING THE EMERGENCY), CONGRESS REBEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHANDRA SHEKHAR, JANATA DEPUTY CHAIRMAN CHARAN SINGH, FORMER ORISSA CHIEF MINISTER BIJU PATNAIK, AND DEVENDRA SATPATHY (HUSBAND OF MRS. NANDINI SATPATHY, WHO HAD BEEN OUSTED AS ORISSA CHIEF MINISTER IN DECEMBER AND IS NOW A CFD GENERAL SECRETARY). THE ONLY PROMINENT OPPOSITION LEADER TO BE DEFEATED (ASIDE FROM PILOO MODY) IS K. R. GANESH, A FORMER LEFTIST GOI CABINET MEMBER WHO HAD DEFECTED TO THE CFD WITH RAM, BAHUGUNA AND THE OTHERS. SCHNEIDER

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